

Regulations of the Novian Young Scientists' Named Scholarship

1. General part

- 1.1. Closed joint-stock company Novian (hereinafter "Novian"), in cooperation with the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, which organizes the young scientists' conference *Interdisciplinary Research in Physical and Technological Sciences* (hereinafter "Conference"), launches the *Best Research Work in ICT* competition (hereinafter "Competition") and awards Novian named scholarships to the authors of the research work recognized as the best (hereinafter "Scholarship").
- 1.2. The Scholarship aims to foster collaboration between Lithuanian science and business and to encourage young scientists to conduct relevant ICT research using advanced technologies. Each year, Novian selects the list of priority topics to be supported by the Competition and announces them publicly alongside the introduction of the Conference.
- 1.3. The Scholarship is open to participants of the Conference.

2. Scholarship awards

- 2.1. The Scholarship may be awarded to young scientists (aged 35 or younger) who have submitted their research work to the Competition.
- 2.2. Considering the priority themes of this year's Competition, submissions will be assessed based on their relevance, practical applicability, and use of technologies.
- 2.3. Candidates are discouraged from submitting research work that has already been submitted to the competitions of the Conference earlier or was completed more than 3 years ago.
- 2.4. Employees of Novian Group companies, board members, Competition jury members, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
- 2.5. Young scientists wishing to apply for the Competition must submit their research work to the Conference.
- 2.6. The jury of the Conference organising committee will select at least five participants from the submissions and invite them to introduce their research work in more detail to the Novian Scholarship selection jury. Selected participants must also email a PDF version of their research work and a cover letter (up to five pages) to the jury at media@novian.lt. The cover letter should specify the topic of the submission, how the researcher's activities and work relate to the field and topic, the expected benefits of the research, its practical applications or specific implementations, past research conducted by the applicant, planned future developments, and their expected practical applications (industry, target market).
- 2.7. If the submitted work was prepared by a group of researchers, a document signed by all group members is required, authorizing one member to represent the group in the Competition and listing all members eligible for the Scholarship.

- 2.8. Novian will assemble a jury of at least three members based on the themes of the submissions and will inform Scholarship candidates of the time and place for presenting their research work to the jury. The jury will vote on the Scholarship awards within 14 days following the research work submission to the jury. The jury has the discretion to allocate the Scholarship fund by awarding multiple scholarships, withholding scholarships entirely, or granting incentive scholarships.
- 2.9. Each year, the size of the Scholarship fund is approved and publicly announced as part of the Conference. Taxes applicable to the Scholarship payments will be covered by Novian.

3. Other information

- 3.1. Information about the Competition and the jury's decisions are published on Novian's website. The awarded Scholarships are paid by 30 September of the current year either as a single payment or in two equal instalments by 30 June and 30 September.
- 3.2. **Processing of personal data.** During the Competition, we process the personal data of participants (researchers), Conference organizers, and jury members. Purposes and legal grounds for data processing:
- (i) Organization of the Competition and Scholarship payments. Novian processes data based on its legitimate interest to administrate the Competition in a proper and transparent manner, to provide timely information, and to comply with the legislation regarding the payments. Data subjects have the right to reasonably object to such processing by notifying Novian.
 - (ii) Publicizing the Competition in the media and on social media. Novian processes data based on its legitimate interest to disseminate the information and attract more young scientists. In this context, we may publish photographs and names of the participants and jury members, the amount of the Scholarship, and the title of the research work. Data subjects have the right to reasonably object to such processing by notifying Novian.
- 3.3. All data subjects' rights and additional information on personal data processing can be found on the Novian website: <https://novian.io/privacy-policy/>.